

CLAIMS

What is claim d is:

1. A fabric comprising synthetic bicomponent filaments, wherein the fabric has been calendered on at least one surface thereof and the fabric has an air permeability, determined as hereinbefore described, of less than 6 cubic centimeters persecond persquare centimeter. ($\text{cm}^3/\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$), measured at a static pressure of 10 millimeters of water.
2. A fabric according to Claim 1, wherein the fabric has a weight of less than $400 \text{ grams}/\text{m}^2$, preferably 20 to $200 \text{ grams}/\text{m}^2$.
3. A fabric according to Claim 1, wherein the synthetic bicomponent filaments are selected from the group consisting of polyester filaments, polyamide filaments and mixtures thereof.
4. A fabric according to Claim 1, wherein the synthetic bicomponent filaments comprise polymers selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polytrimethylene terephthalate and polytetraethylene terephthalate.
5. A fabric according to Claim 1, wherein the synthetic bicomponent filaments comprise polymers selected from the group consisting of nylon 6, nylon 66, nylon 46, nylon 7, nylon 10, nylon 11, nylon 610, nylon 612, nylon 12 and mixtures and copolyamides thereof.
6. A fabric according to Claim 1, wherein at least a portion of the synthetic filaments comprises a UV absorbent additive.
7. A fabric according to Claim 6, wherein the UV absorbent additive comprises titanium dioxide particles at a weight concentration of from 0.1 to 4 wt. %, preferably from 1 to 3 wt. %.
8. A fabric according to Claim 1, wherein the fabric comprises at least a region consisting of a single thickness.

9. An article comprising a fabric according to Claim 1.